

# ***CITY OF SAN ANTONIO CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD***

## **MINUTES**

September 25, 2024

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Agency Represented</b>
Dr. Francine Romero	<i>San Antonio Parks &amp; Recreation Board</i>
Mr. Joseph Plappert for Ms. Jessica Alderson	<i>Texas Parks &amp; Wildlife Department</i>
Mr. Thomas Marsalia	<i>Edwards Aquifer Authority</i>
Mr. Scott Halty	<i>San Antonio Water System</i>
Mr. Homer Garcia via WebEx	<i>COSA Parks &amp; Recreation Dept.</i>
Mr. Brian Mast	<i>San Antonio River Authority</i>
Mr. Temple (Scooter) Mangold	<i>Medina County</i>
Mr. Rader Gilleland	<i>Uvalde County</i>

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Grant Ellis, Natural Resources Manager, Parks and Recreation  
 Phillip Covington, Special Projects Manager, Edwards Aquifer Protection Program (EAPP)  
 Susan Courage, Senior Management Analyst, EAPP  
 David Bernal, Management Analyst, EAPP  
 Steven Whitworth, City Attorney, City Attorney's Office

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
David Bezanson	The Nature Conservancy
Clay Thompson via WebEx	Green Spaces Alliance
Brent Doty	Edwards Aquifer Authority
Maddison Orquiz	Edwards Aquifer Authority
Erica Martinez	Edwards Aquifer Authority

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

Meeting was called to order at 1:03 pm by Chairwoman Francine Romero. Roll call was taken by Dr. Romero.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Romero asked for approval of the minutes for the August 28, 2024, meeting. Mr. Thomas Marsalia motioned for approval. Mr. Joseph Plappert seconded. Motion carried.

### **ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

- Mr. Phillip Covington introduced Mr. Joseph Plappert as proxy for Ms. Jessica Alderson on behalf of the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department.

- Mr. Phillip Covington stated that the Seco Valley Ranch Conservation Easement closed at the end of August. Mr. Covington confirmed the EAPP's current protected acreage was now 184,611 acres.
- Mr. Phillip Covington stated the Hoover property, Gilleland Ranch Phase II, and Stoner Ranch Divisions 1 & 3 conservation easements were to be scheduled for City Council consideration on October 17 for final approval. Mr. Covington also stated that San Antonio MUD Phase II project and Bryant Ranch conservation easements would be scheduled for City Council consideration on October 31.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **INDIVIDUAL ITEMS**

1. Briefing on Geological Assessment Due Diligence Process: Edwards Aquifer Authority
  - a. Mr. Brent Doty presented an overview of the geological assessment process and how properties are ranked for possible acquisition into the program.
2. Discussion and update regarding the Roland Smith Ranch: The Nature Conservancy
  - a. Mr. David Bezanson presented the Roland Smith Ranch for final approval.
3. Discussion and update regarding the Westervelt Property: Green Spaces Alliance
  - a. Mr. Clay Thompson presented the Westervelt Property for stage 1 approval.

### **Closed Regular Session & Opened Executive Session started at 1:33 pm.**

Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property and discuss related legal issues pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.072 (real property) and 552.071 (consultation with an attorney).

### **Closed Executive Session & Opened Regular Session ended at 1:40 pm.**

4. Action on proposed items and acquisitions from Agenda items 2 and 3.
  - Chairwoman Romero opened the floor for motions:
    - Mr. Scott Halty motioned for stage 1 approval of the Gilleland Ranch Phase II. Mr. Joseph Plappert seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.

- Mr. Rader Gilleland motioned for final approval of the Roland Smith Ranch. Mr. Thomas Marsalia seconded. No further discussion. Motion passed.
5. Program fiscal report: Mr. Phillip Covington presented an updated copy of the program expenditure report which reflected uncommitted and actual expenditures. He stated that approximately \$14 million in SAMFC funds have been expended and the program had committed an additional \$15 million. Mr. Covington also stated that \$71 million of the \$100 million approved for the SAMFC program remaining uncommitted for future acquisition projects. Mr. Covington provided a brief update of the 2015 Proposition 1 water quality projects and current expenditures. Mr. Covington presented an updated expense tracker which reflected the final approval Roland Smith Ranch, Hoover property the Gilleland Ranch Phase II, Bryant Ranch, Stoner Ranch Divisions 1 & 3, and SA MUD No.1 Phase II which were pending City Council final approval in October.
  6. Monitoring status report: Mr. Phillip Covington proposed a quarterly update for the monitoring report. Mr. Covington also stated that there would be a spreadsheet reflecting any outstanding issues and updates for the monitoring efforts and that at the final CAB meeting of the year that spreadsheet would be provided to the CAB members. Dr. Francine Romero agreed to the proposed quarterly monitoring report.
  7. Report, Discussion, and Action regarding Agenda and for the next CAB meeting – CAB members agreed the final CAB meeting of the year will be held on December 4, 2024; no meeting will be held in November. The next meeting will be October 23, 2024, at 1:00 pm, at the Euclid office of the San Antonio River Authority.

Adjournment at 1:48 pm.